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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1431

Introduced by Assembly Member Gonzalez

(Principal coauthor: Senator Hueso)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Garcia and Quirk-Silva)

January 6, 2014

An act to add Section 85705 to the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1431, as amended, Gonzalez. Campaign contributions: school district and community college district administrators.

The Political Reform Act of 1974 establishes certain limits on the amount of contributions that a person or group can make to a candidate for elective state office, or to a committee.

This bill would prohibit an administrator of a school district or community college district, *as defined*, from knowingly soliciting, accepting, or receiving a contribution for the campaign of an elected official of the district employing the administrator, or any candidate for an office of the school district or community college district employing the administrator. The bill would clarify that this prohibition does not apply to an administrator who is soliciting, accepting, or receiving a

contribution for his or her own campaign for an office of a school district or community college district.

Existing law makes a knowing or willful violation of the Political Reform Act of 1974 a misdemeanor and subjects offenders to criminal penalties. By expanding the scope of an existing crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act's purposes upon a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements.

This bill would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 85705 is added to the Government Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 85705. (a) *As used in this section:*
- 4 (1) *“Administrator of a community college district” includes*
- 5 *the following:*
- 6 (A) *The Superintendent, Chancellor, or President of a*
- 7 *community college district.*
- 8 (B) *A district level community college district official who*
- 9 *reports directly to the Superintendent, Chancellor, or President*
- 10 *of a community college district.*
- 11 (2) *“Administrator of a school district” includes the following:*
- 12 (A) *The Superintendent of a school district.*
- 13 (B) *A district level school district official who reports directly*
- 14 *to the Superintendent.*
- 15 (b) An administrator of a school district or community college
- 16 district shall not knowingly solicit, accept, or receive a contribution
- 17 for the campaign of an elected official of the school district or
- 18 community college district employing the administrator, or any

1 candidate for an office of the school district or community college
2 district employing the administrator.

3 ~~(b)~~

4 (c) This section does not prohibit an administrator of a school
5 district or community college district from soliciting, accepting,
6 or receiving a contribution for his or her own campaign for an
7 office of the school district or community college district.

8 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
9 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
10 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
11 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
12 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
13 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
14 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
15 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
16 Constitution.

17 SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that this bill furthers
18 the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974 within the
19 meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the Government
20 Code.